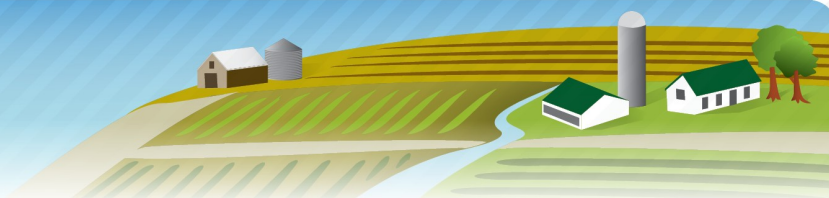


# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## Missouri Highlights

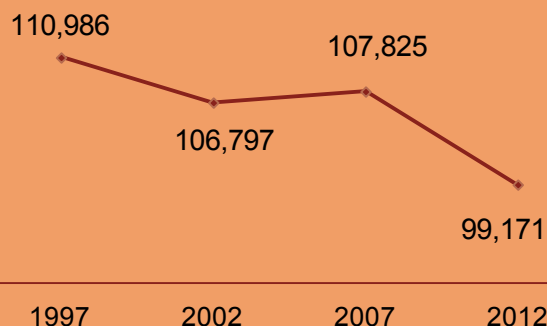


### Farms and Land in Farms

**Farm:** any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year.

The number of farms in Missouri in 2012 was 99,171. That is a decrease of 8,654, or 8%, from the number of farms in the last Census of Agriculture in 2007.

**Missouri Farms 1997—2012**

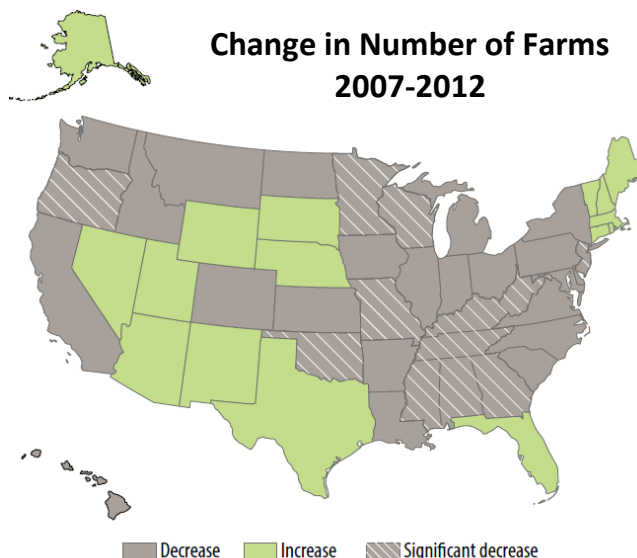


Missouri was the second largest state in terms of the number of farms behind Texas. The U.S. as a whole and most states experienced a decline in the number of farms.

**States with Most Farms**

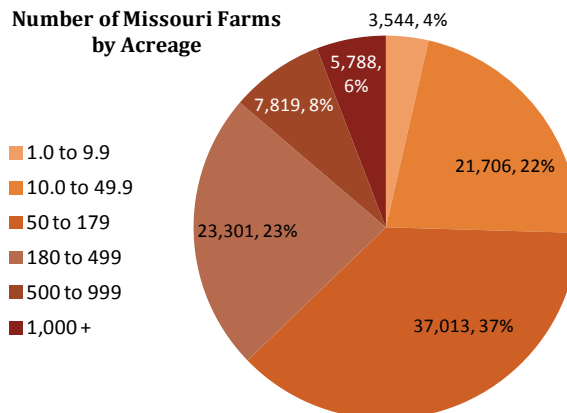
Rank	State	Farms
1	Texas	248,809
2	Missouri	99,171
3	Iowa	88,637
4	Oklahoma	80,245
5	California	77,857
6	Kentucky	77,064
7	Ohio	75,462
8	Illinois	75,087
9	Minnesota	74,542
10	Wisconsin	69,754

**Change in Number of Farms 2007-2012**



The majority, 63%, of Missouri farms had less than 180 acres on the farm. Only about 6% of Missouri farms had over 1000 acres.

**Number of Missouri Farms by Acreage**



The average land on a Missouri farm was 285 acres, well below the U.S. average of 434. The median number of acres per farm, the point at which half the farms are below and half above, was 120. That was above the U.S. median of 80 acres.



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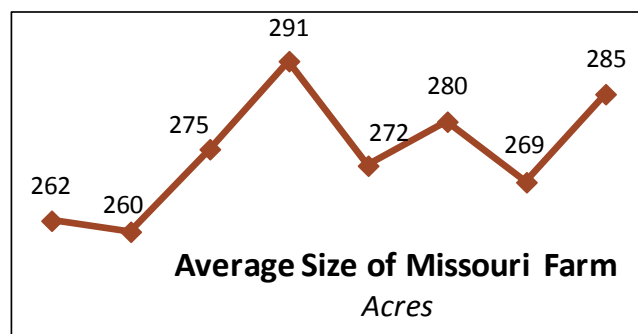
## Farms and Land in Farms

### Average Farm Size

*Selected States*

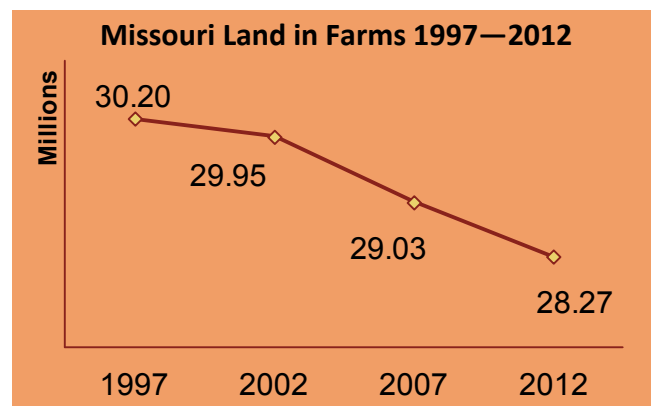
Rank	State	Acres
1	Wyoming	2,587
9	Nebraska	907
11	Kansas	747
16	Oklahoma	428
18	Illinois	359
20	Iowa	345
22	Arkansas	306
24	Missouri	285
39	Kentucky	169
44	Tennessee	160
50	Rhode Island	56

The average farm size for Missouri has not changed much over the last 35 years.



1978 1982 1987 1992 1997 2002 2007 2012

Missouri's land in farms decreased by 760 thousand acres, or 2.6% from 2007 to 2012. Since 1997, the amount of land in farms in the state has decreased by almost 2 million acres.



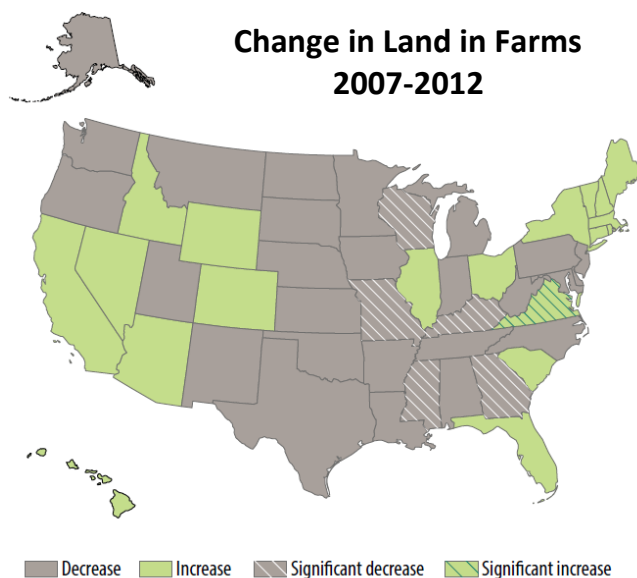
Missouri was the twelfth largest state in terms of land in farms with 28.27 million acres. Texas was the largest while the smallest was Rhode Island with just under 70 thousand acres.

### States with Most Land in Farms

Rank	State	Acres
1	Texas	130,153,438
2	Montana	59,758,917
3	Kansas	46,137,295
4	Nebraska	45,331,783
5	South Dakota	43,257,079
6	New Mexico	43,201,023
7	North Dakota	39,262,613
8	Oklahoma	34,356,110
9	Colorado	31,886,676
10	Iowa	30,622,731
11	Wyoming	30,363,641
12	Missouri	28,266,137

Most states and the U.S. as a whole also experienced a decrease in the amount of land in farms. Montana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri and Oklahoma are the states that lost the most land in farms between 2007 and 2012.

### Change in Land in Farms 2007-2012



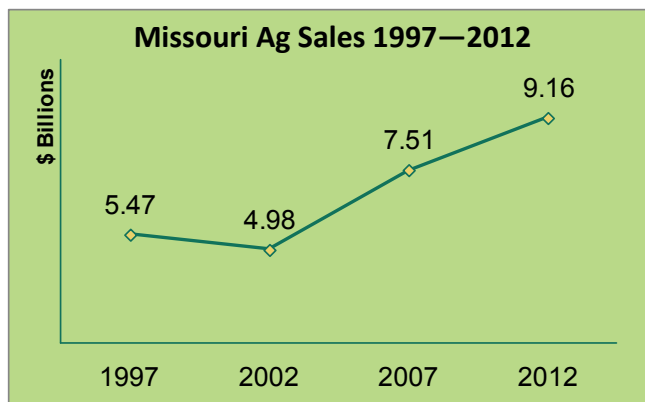
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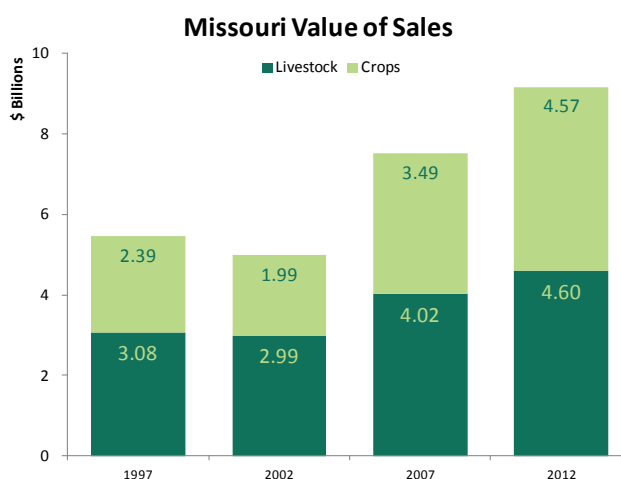
## Value of Agricultural Sales

The value of all agricultural sales in Missouri for 2012 was \$9.16 billion. That was an increase of \$1.64 billion, or 21.8%, over 2007. And that occurred as Missouri experienced its worst drought in the last fifty years.

The average values of sales per farm increased by 32.5% to just over \$92 thousand.

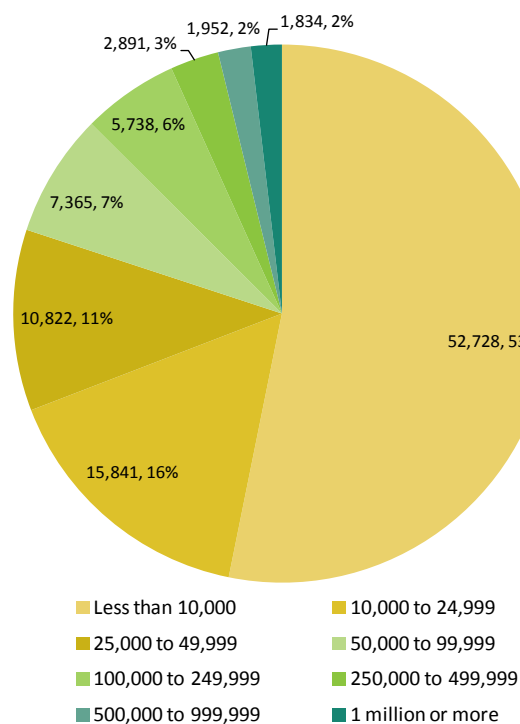


Missouri's value of agricultural sales was the 16th highest among the states. Sales for Missouri were evenly divided between crops and livestock sales, each slightly less than \$4.6 billion.



Fifty-three percent of farms in Missouri had less than \$10 thousand in sales in 2012. Another 16% had from \$10 thousand to less than \$25 thousand in sales. These two groups comprised 69% of farms in the state. About 2%, or 1,952 farms, had from \$500 thousand to less than \$1 million in sales. Two percent, or 1,834, had over \$1 million in sales. In this group, there were 390 farms with over \$2.5 million in sales and, of these, 101 had over \$5 million in sales.

### Missouri Farms by Value of Sales



### States with Largest Agricultural Sales

Rank	State	Sales
1	California	42,627,472,000
2	Iowa	30,821,532,000
3	Texas	25,375,581,000
4	Nebraska	23,068,756,000
5	Minnesota	21,280,184,000
6	Kansas	18,460,564,000
7	Illinois	17,187,052,000
8	North Carolina	12,588,142,000
9	Wisconsin	11,744,476,000
10	Indiana	11,210,818,000
11	North Dakota	10,950,680,000
12	South Dakota	10,170,227,000
13	Ohio	10,064,085,000
14	Arkansas	9,775,758,000
15	Georgia	9,255,125,000
16	Missouri	9,164,886,000



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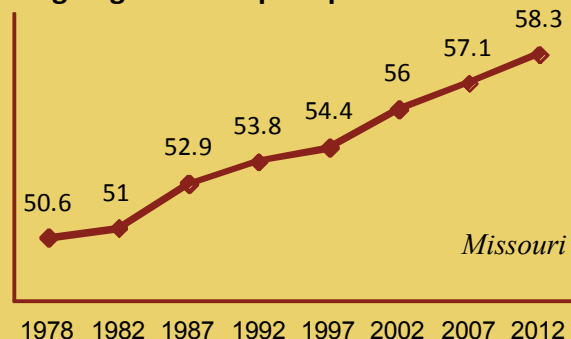
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## Demographics

**Principal Operator:** Operator who makes day to day decisions on the farm operation.

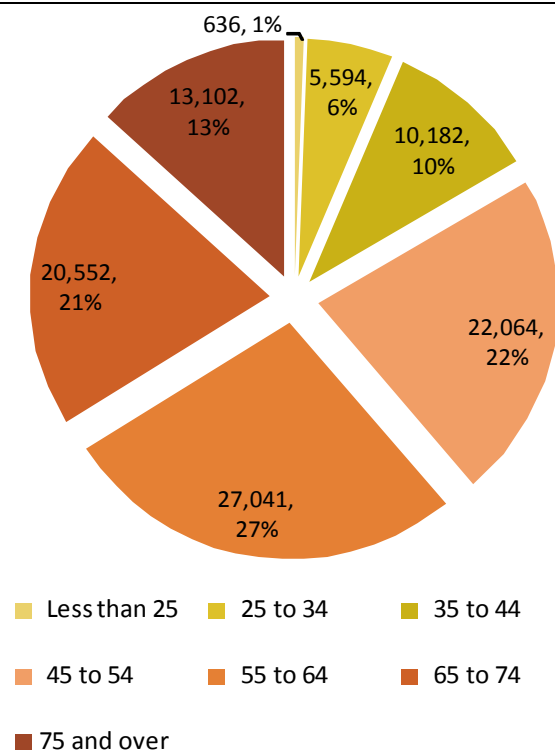
The average age of the principal Missouri farm operator in 2012 increased to 58.3 years from 2007. It has been increasing by about a year every census since 1978.

### Average Age of Principal Operator 1978—2012



Principal operators were under 45 years old on about 17% of Missouri farms in 2012. On 13% of farms, the principal operator was 75 or over.

### Missouri Farms by Age



### Number of Missouri Farms By Age of Principal Operator and Farm Sales

Age	Value of Farm Sales (\$)				
	< 10,000	10,000 - 24,999	25,000 - 49,999	50,000 - 99,999	100,000 - 249,999
< 25	290	112	81	75	40
25 to 34	2,561	991	723	502	390
35 to 44	5,299	1,634	1,145	672	580
45 to 49	4,757	1,412	955	670	540
50 to 54	6,698	2,214	1,358	919	761
55 to 59	6,919	2,301	1,476	960	896
60 to 64	6,693	2,395	1,427	1,081	798
65 to 69	5,750	2,030	1,346	934	701
70 +	10,543	4,499	2,907	1,913	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,510</b>	<b>17,588</b>	<b>11,418</b>	<b>7,726</b>	<b>6,006</b>

Age	250,000 - 499,999	500,000 - 999,999	1,000,000 or more	Total
< 25	30	6	2	636
25 to 34	200	132	95	5,594
35 to 44	291	248	313	10,182
45 to 49	248	197	291	9,070
50 to 54	440	326	278	12,994
55 to 59	447	359	284	13,642
60 to 64	447	326	232	13,399
65 to 69	312	190	170	11,433
70 +	550	270	239	22,221
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>99,171</b>

A large majority of principal operators are white and male. The most losses in farms where those headed by white males. Multi-race and female operators also declined.

### Missouri Principal Operator - Demographic Categories

	2007	2012	Change
Amer. Indian or Alaska Native	397	442	45
Asian	228	235	7
Black or African American	179	176	-3
Multi-Race	680	465	-215
White	106,313	97,826	-8,487
Hispanic*	444	548	104
Female	12,754	11,127	-1,627
Male	95,071	88,044	-7,027

\* Hispanic operators may be of any race listed above in the table.



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